PATRICK HENRY FIRST PATRIOT

Was Far in Advance of Contemporaries in Fight for Liberty.

WAS BOLD AND FAR SEEING

He Would Have Been Marked for Gallows Had Revolution Failed.

by Susan Bullitt Dixon.

The abhorred stamp act had been pass of by the British Parliament, and signed into effect the 1st of November

It was so contrived as to enforce itself, as without use of the stamps; marriages would be null, innertances irrectamatele, obligations valueless, legal processings impossible, etc., ad infinitum.

The colonies had, in Itél, sent most carriest and able pretests to England against life passage of such an act; but after it was passed, although they felt that the order-stone of English liberty, the right to tax themselves, was being taken from them forever, yet they saw no way to escape it, and were prepared to submit, even though most despondent over the situation.

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so Outs, the leading spirit in New did, said: "It is the duty of all humbed allently, to acquiesce. * " " undoubtedly have the right to levy il taxes on the Colonies." But he ted a Congress of the Colonies, to a New York in October, "to config a loyal and humble representable his Majesty and the Parliament, implore reitef."

in Virginia, the wealthiest and powerful of all the Colonies, the had decided to submit, but deterby banishing England luxuries, to the act to recoil on England. Rete to British authority had not proposed by any of the patient, and the execution of the act involtable—although it was feased, in Adams wrote in his diary, "It thority is once acknowledged and held the rule of America will be

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A coly in manuscript of the "unrevised" resolves was sent at once to Prainacepha for the benefit of "The Sons of Liberty"; from there to New York, where they were handed about with great privacy. But an Irish gentleman from Connecticut, procuring a copy, carried them to New Forgland, where they were published far and wide without reserve, and created a wide-spread and intense excitement. Air, Otts declared them "treasonable," but they struck a chord which vibrated throughout America. Secret societies were formed, pledged to resist the act by all lawful means, and were called "The Sons of Liberty," who adopted as their creed that last resolution of Mr. Henry, which had

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The resolves were all passed in committee of the whole, but later the last one was struck out by the House, Mr. Henry having left for his home in Louisa the evening they had passed.

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The forest-born Demosthenes, Whose thunder shook the Philip of seas."—(Byron, Age of Bronze.) Next Act of the Drama.

boy knows the fate of the Boston carro, The others brought no more money to the company than that for Boston.

In March of 1774, Parliament passed a bill to close the Port of Boston, June 1st-and keep it closed, until she paid for the tea she had destroyed, and obeyed the acts of Parliament.

The Virginia House of Burgesses met in May, and appointed, June 1st, a day of rasting, prayer and humiliation-went, in a body to the church, and members of their families attended in deep mourning.

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They issued an address, urging "a convention at Williamsburg, August 1st, to appoint representatives to a Congress of the Colonies, which should be annual convention at Williamsburg. August 1st, to appoint representatives to a Congress of the Colonies, which should be annual-chosen by conventions—bodies representing the Sovereign people not under control of the royal Governor, and which was certainly a most whe arrangement and may be regarded as a long step to independence.) It was also proposed "to dibrontinue all commercial intercourse with England unless the obnoxious acts of Parliament were repealed."

The Precedings of Congress reached although the Statemann who knows the sta

Declaration of independence that all prospect of reconciliation is gone, then, and not till then, will he furnish us with arms, ammunition and clothing; and not with these only, but he will send his fleet and armies to fight our battles for us; he will form with us a treaty offensive and defensive against our unnatural mother. Spain and Holiand will join the confederation? Our independence will be established, and we shall take our stand among the nations of the earth! Here he ceased, and Colonel John Overton says at the word independence the company appeared to be startled, for they had never heard before anything of the kind ever suggested. —Wirt's Henry Ed. 1818, Page 33.

In contrast with the above suggestion of a Declaration of Independence, the first on record, and apparently the first ever made, it is a striking fact that in 1774 the sentiments of all patriots, such as Adams and Washington, were opposed to all ideas of independence. Whilstas late as August, 1778, Mr. Jefferson wrote to John Randolph, then he England: "I would rather be in dependence of Great Britain, properly limited, than on any nation on earth, or than on no 'nation."—(Writings of Jefferson.)

But while Mr. Henry had the foresight atmost of a prophet, he had also the wise patience of the statesman who knows how to wait on events.

with a draft which has justly entited him to be enrolled among the great statesmen of the world. It was adopted by the convention June 12, 1776. The sixteenth section of the bill of rights, unfettering the exercise of religion, was written by Mr. Henry and accepted by Mr. Mason as a part of the bill of rights. The writer first read this section and the statement as to its authorship in the "Virginia Convention of 182," which volume included the proceedings of the convention of 1776, and the section for religious freedom was there given, as having been written by Mr. Henry and inserted in the paper which Mr. Mason had drawn, It was the first law made in America to secure religious freedom; adopted in the first written constitution of an American State; was afterwards engrafted on every State constitution, and through the exertions of Mr. Henry, on the Pederal Constitution as well. It is regarded as the contribution of America to the scence of government, and it was made by Patrick Henry, the great originator of the ioftiest principles for the guidance of a people to freedom and virtue, sustained by independence.

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ly after, he offered for the House of Representatives his constituents all favored the amendments, and he was forced to pledge himself to advocate them in order to becure his election. He kept his word, and those valuable ten amend-ments were passed by the next Con-gress.

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The value of these amendments, secured to us by Mr. Henry's indefatigable persistence, his marvelous elequence and a logic that was unanswerable, can be understood by any American who will read them. Containing as they do, protection for religious liberty, freedom of speech and of the press, right of trial by intention of religious as important, they can hardly be overestimated.

Mr. Henry had entered on the practice of the law in 1785, and his practice soon made him a rich man. But his heal had been underrained by the intense labors that had fallen on him during the trying years of the war, and he declired every offer to enter public life, though they were many and multterina. But when, in 1785, Mr. Jeferson used all his influence in favor of Frach interference with American politics (and French them and deeply impressed with the danger of the situation. He wrote Mr. Henry a long and confidential letter entreating him "to come forward at the ensuing elections (if not for Congress, which you may think would take you too long from home) as a candidate for representative in the General Assembly of this Commonwealth.

Infirm as he was, Mr. Henry could not regist his appeal, which was almost pathetic in its anxiety for the welfare of the country. He at one declared himsolf a candidate for the House of Delegates, and addressed the people of Charlotte on March Court day. There he made his last speech, a plea for union and peace, and at its close one of his audience exclaimed alound: "The sun has set in all his glory."

He died on the 6th of June following. The died as he had lived, in the simplicity and dignity of Chiristian faith and hope. He lies at Red Hill, his home; a simple marble slab marks his grave-on it the dates of birth and death and "His fame is his best epitaph."

That fame is immortal, and will rise higher and grow brighter with the ages as they roll on.

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Wandering points flame and fester, terminating in a sore that refuses to heal. Wandering pains of a rheumatic character are almost constant, the joints get still and the mussore, while sleeplessness and nervousness make life a burden. The nat-

ural activity of the body is not so great in old age and all the organs get dull and sluggish, failing to carry out the waste matters and poisons accumulating in the system and they are taken up and absorbed by the blood, rendering it weak the blood, rendering it weak

and unable to properly nourish the system. There is no reason why old age should not be as healthy as youth if the blood is kept pure and strong. S. S. S. is purely vegetable and is the safest and best blood purifier and tonic for old people, because it is gentle, but at the same time thorough in its action, purify-ing the blood of all poisons and foreign matter, its fine tonic effect. Almost from the first dose the appetite increases, the general health begins to improve and the pains and ailments pass away.

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